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In re Patent Application of:  
Takanobu Matsuba

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For: INFORMATION RECORDING AND  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND A  
METHOD OF CONTROLLING AN  
INFORMATION RECORDING AND  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS

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Examiner: Kim Kwok Chu

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 30, 2011, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.